The Truth About Atrocities in Korean War

Atrocity stories by capitalist war propagandists are almost invariably faked or grossly exaggerated. The claim that Chinese and North Koreans have murdered 6,270 U.S. prisoners of war is no exception. What distinguishes this claim, issued by Col. James M. Hanley, Judge Advocate General of the Eighth Army, is its extreme

The very timing of his report — so convenient for stalling cease-fire negotiations - would alone make it suspect. But the report is a fraud on the face of it. It contains not the shadow of proof and the latest date cited in it is Dec. 10, 1950.

Even Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway has reluctantly admitted that "the total number of U.S. dead as a result of the atrocities and for whom bodies have been recovered is 365," that "there is no conclusive proof as to the number of dead" and that "neither the fact nor manner of death" of most of the soldiers listed in Hanley's report has been established. Ridgway can only cover up Hanley's fraud to the extent of claiming that uncited evidence justifies a "presumption" that "a large number" of U.S. prisoners have been killed a number that "may approximate" 6,000.

How did Hanley arrive at his figure of 6,270? According to a United Press dispatch of Nov. 17 from Tokyo, citing "a headquarters | staff officer," the statement of Hanley was "based in part upon, unscientific investigation, generalizations and possible duplications.'

The actual text of Col. Hanley's original report contains only one specific incident involving American troops, the alleged killing of 200 U.S. Marines near Sinhung on Dec. 10, 1950, on order of a Chinese regimental commander. I. F. Stone of the N.Y. Daily Compass points out that the cumulative total of all Marines officially listed as missing on Dec. 28, 1950 was only 79. Stone questioned U.S. Marine authorities in the Pentagon and learned they had never heard of the incident, had no reports of any Marines killed as prisoners of war and had heard from returned POWs that prisoners were, in fact, well-treated by the Chinese.

Treatment of Marines

I have before me two dispatches from Korea, both dated May 25, 1951, sent by the Associated Press and United Press. They tell about the experiences of 19 U.S. prisoners of war — including 18 Marines - who had been captured in November 1950. The UP story says: "For the most part, they were well treated by the Chinese" who even gave them "a Christmas party of sorts, including candy and a Christmas tree."

The only "hardship" imposed on them by the Chinese appears to have been their compulsory attendance "for three hours of classes in communism every three days." The AP story relates that "the GIs were in good health, despite their six months of frigid weather, forced marches, air attacks by American planes and a Chinese diet." The only danger they faced was from American bombing. At Chorwon, "the men said they lived in foxholes by day and crowded into native huts by night. They said bomb raids wiped out Chorwon and napalm strikes kept the hill and mountains 'walls of flame.'"

The Real Atrocities

I agree with I. F. Stone that, on the basis of the evidence, "Hanley is a liar and Ridgway a dissembler." But I am far from denying that monstrous atrocities have been committed in Korea. Some questions are in order about Chinese and North Korean prison-

Hanson W. Baldwin, military analyist of the N.Y. Times, noted in an article of Feb. 22, 1951, that in the four months of Chinese participation in the Korean war they had suffered casualties of 134,616, but "the only exact figure about these (Pentagon) estimates, however, was the 616; we knew we had exactly 616 Chinese Communist prisoners." This was at the time when U.S. forces, with less than 50,000 claimed casualties, had 8,531 missing. On May 18, he committed against defenseless when Chinese casualties totaled 311,789, the number of Chinese Negroes. prisoners was only 3,483.

Such a low proportion of prisoners to total casualties is unheard of in modern warfare except under one condition - when troops are ordered not to take prisoners. Why are there so few Chinese prisoners of war? If I may paraphrase Gen. Ridgway, "there is considerable evidence to justify a presumption of death by atrocity of a large number" of Chinese troops. The announced policy of the U.S.-UN command has been to kill as many opposing troops as possible. "Operation Meat-Grinder" and "Operation Killer" the U.S. tactics have been called. Orders have been given to the U.S. forces to "kill everything that moves." "We have only one objective -(Continued on page 3)

DR. DUBOIS ACQUITTED; ROGGE ACTS AS STOOLIE

The Truman administration's frameup trial of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, distinguished educator, and four of his trailer from her father. She Murray leadership of the steel associates in the Peace Information Center, collapsed on

Nov. 20 when U.S. District Judge 9-McGuire ruled that the government had failed to prove its ton, Rogge described the con-

Determined to silence everyone not on trial here." who speaks or acts against war, | The gist of Rogge's testimony in Washington on charges of Peace Information Center, were failing to register as "foreign "an agency of Soviet foreign agents" -- the alleged "foreign policy." But he was more eager principal" being the World Con- than effective. gress of Peace Partisans, which Under cross-examination by

presented its case to the jury, March 1950, when he became a Judge McGuire threw it out and counsel for the Yugoslav gov ordered an acquittal, saying, "If ernment and registered as such, I permitted this case to go to the he had sworn in a statement filed jury I should permit them to with the Department of Justice speculate on a speculation."

The trial was notable in two started four years ago. And it ment, political party or prinwas a case in which O. John Rogge, former pride and joy of numerous Stalinist front organ- 1950 that the World Congress of izations, turned up as chief Peace Partisans was NOT a

Rogge was not only a willing in the "peace congresses" spon- they said last time, a week ago and Little Steel, have come out 1950, he became a counsel for the way on some occasions. Yugoslav government and, along The Stalinists are jubilant with other Wallaceites, broke about Rogge's infamous role at definitively with the Stalinists the DuBois trial. It enables them after the Korean war began.

Taking the stand in Washinggresses he had participated in be-The Center, which was dissolved tween 1948 and 1950, and began over a year ago, circulated the to volunteer the names of Amer-Stockholm Peace Appeal, asking icans who attended them. The people to sign petitions in favor judge had to remind the ardent of banning the atom bomb. informer that "these persons are

initiated the Stockholm petition. defense counsel Vito Marcantonio, After the government had Rogge had to admit that in that:

"I did attend peace conferences ways. It was the first important in Paris, Prague and Wraclaw, case that ended in a victory for but I do not regard these organfree speech since the witch hunt izations as a foreign govern-

cipal.' In other words, he swore in witness and informer for the gov- "foreign principal" and he swore in 1951 that it was.

Such occurrences are not unbut an eager witness for the gov- common among informers. They ernment. From 1948 to the Korean | become so eager to put the finger war, he was a prominent figure on someone that they forget what sored by the Stalinists and served or a year ago. The government's as a vice-president of the World star stoolpigeon, Louis Budenz, Congress of Peace Partisans. In has also been tripped up in this

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Atrocity Hoax Fails to Stop Pressure to End Korea War

Another Sheriff Murders Another Southern Negro

John Lester Mitchell, a 33-year old Negro, was shot dead by Deputy Sheriff Lanclos in Opelousas, La., on Nov. 19. Mitchell was unarmed. The authorities claimed that he was "acting rowdy and out of control" in a restaurant, and that Lanclos shot him in a scuffle that followed his order for Mitchell to leave.

Mitchell had already incurred the wrath of the Jim Crow authorities by daring, together with two other Negroes, to file a suit against the authorities in federal court. They charged that they were being denied the right to register solely because of their race and asked the court for protection of their right to vote. The suit was supposed to be neard on Nov. 29.

SECOND LYNCHING

This is the second legal lynchng of a Southern Negro in two weeks. In many respects the Mitchell murder resembles the notorious killing of Samuel Shepherd and wounding of Walter Lee Irvin by a Florida sheriff who was enraged by a Supreme Court order that they be given a reing that he would not be punished, no matter what kind of crime

The Florida sheriff, Willis Mc-Call, has already been exonerated by a coroner's jury, and the state authorities refuse to take any action against him. Federal oficials insist that their investiga tion of this crime is still conexpected to come of it.

ANOTHER FRAMEUP

Meanwhile, in Yanceyville, N.C., a fantastic frameup ran into a emporary snag when two Negro members of a jury courageously when he got out of a car, 70 feet that time. away from her, to borrow a testified that he "leered" at her, and so she ran away.

The jury consisted of eight themselves to reprisal. The jury next winter.



A Real Atrocity

trial on a frameup "rape" charge. In both cases a sheriff took "the law" into his own hands, know-

By Jim Ross

(CIO), meeting at Atlantic City tinuing, but nothing serious is last week, approved a 22 point program of demands for the negotiations which open soon.

This program embodies the widespread desire of the steelworkers for a substantial wage increase and a complete revision of the present contracts with steel efused to be party to the crime. firms. These contracts have not Mack Ingram, Negro share- been changed since April 1947. cropper, was on trial, charged Only the wage sections, reopened with "assault" on a white girl annually, have been altered since

During the past five years, the union has bargained away needed contractual changes in return for moderate wage increases. This whites and four Negroes (the has led to an intolerable situation first to serve on a jury in that within the mills, and a strong county since Reconstruction feeling of resentment on the part days). Two of the Negroes voted of the men. Many departmentfor acquittal, although they knew | wide, and plant-wide strikes have that by doing so they opened taken place in every steel area during the recent months. In most was deadlocked, and a mistrial cases, the issues that produced was ordered. But Ingram was these strikes could only be the U.S. government has brought was that the World Congress and kept under bail, and faces an- resolved by a change in industry-DuBois and his associated to trial its subsidiaries, including the other trial on the same charge wide agreements. Therefore, a

taken their cue from this senti ment.

lew Contract Demands

The Wage Policy Committee of the Steelworkers is demanding a "substantial wage increase," indicating that under no circumstances will the steelworkers be satisfied with the present Wage Stabilization Board formula which would limit the union to four cents per hour increase. Thus the steel negotiations and a possible steel strike may become the first large-scale challenge to the government's wage freeze.

BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE The biggest single contract issue which will be discussed in union contract to give any Pittsburgh when the talks with preference to workers who want the United States Steel Corp. to shift from one department into HOAX BACKFIRES open will be the "incentive pay" plans. While this is a complex dispute, the essence of it is simply this: The steelworkers demand that they get more money in direct proportion to the production increases that have resulted from recent technical improvements in the steel mills.

The steel companies have been strong feeling has arisen among trying to hold off the workers

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 19 — The overhauling of the contract can correspond to the big increases in evidence "of bungling propa-PITTSBURGH, Nov. 19 — The no longer be deferred. Murray and the wage policy Committee of the le wage policy committee have the cause of most of the steel sabotage the (Korean) negotia-

THE SENIORITY CLAUSE

The Wage Policy Committee of the steel union is demanding an overhauling of the seniority clause of the contract. If won. this new clause can serve as the basis for an attack on Jim Crow practices in the steel plants. The union wants preference given to employees in the filling of vacancies that occur in any de-

At present the companies, through their hiring practices, still maintain lily-white departments. They are not obligated by another when a vacancy occurs. They can hire right off the street. locals with militant and progrestheir efforts to destroy dis-

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Brass Hats Hoped to Raise GI Morale, Inflame Public

Because the U.S. atrocity story turned out to be a fake, it will not achieve the aim its authors had in mind, which was to reduce the pressure to end the Korean war.

The brass hats hoped that the? atrocity hoax would counteract the sag in the morale of the U.S. troops, who have been complaining about the stalling maneuvers of their commanders in the ceasefire negotiations.

They hoped that it would inflame public opinion at home, where Gallup polls continue to show that the vast majority of the people think the Korean war is "useless" and want the GI's brought home.

And they hoped that it would allay the doubts and fears of their European allies, who are justifiably apprehensive over Washington's persistent efforts to stymie the chances of an armistice in Korea.

AN OBVIOUS FRAUD

But the atrocity was such an obvious fraud that its only effect can be to increase the suspicions of the American people that the by crook to create a situation where they will be able to flout the anti-war sentiments of the

It has already had that effect in Europe. Unlike the American press, which ran sensational eadlines over a story they knew had not been confirmed. the British gave the incident a cool reception. To "many Britons" union militants that a complete with small increases, which don't the whole thing looked like these things if the draftee knows

gressive policy has also been example. reflected in a more critical Pvt. Gillette was clever enough attitude by British Labor Party to be the son of Senator Guy leaders in Parliament, and by Gillette (Dem.-Iowa). Through pressure which resulted, three his father's influence he was days after the hoax story was made personnel clerk at Fort Mcpublished, in Ridgway's latest Nair. Since very few GIs ever proposal for a 30-day period dur- heard of Fort McNair it should ing which an agreement is to be be explained that it is within sought on remaining issues in walking distance of the Capitol dispute in Korea. A UP dispatch where Sen. Gillette is a big shot. from Panmunjom, dated Nov. 17, explains that this "UN proposal apparently was drafted originally by other members of the UN with forces in Korea" and then was sent to Ridgway.

The atrocity hoax backfired so far as Europe was concerned. In ple who have already demon- overseas. crimination by the present strated in numerous ways that in Korea without further delay. for other people's sons.

Now 100,000!

American casualties in the 17th month of the Korean war now total over 100,000. This casualty rate in higher than World War II when the same number of U.S. casualties occurred in the 20th month of

The number of killed and wounded keeps mounting each week. End the hideous slaughter in Korea! Demand that the American troops be returned

Life in Army Can Be Safe

· By Fred Hart

Being drafted into the army doesn't have to mean killing or being killed in Korea, occupation duty in Germany or even separation from one's family at some God-forsaken army post in the States. It doesn't mean any of how to avoid it. One of the best U.S. Senator for a father. Take Distrust of Washington's ag- the case of Mark F. Gillette, for

> As Washington columnist Robert Allen points out: "Pvt. Gillette got this prize assignment directly father. . . The Pentagon is always willing to do a favor for an influential member of Congress."

Young Gillette was drafted in Iowa but curiously enough was This makes it possible for the the long run it will have the same sent for basic training to Fort companies to set up and maintain result here. A policy that needs Pickett, Va. — "within easy comsegregated departments. Many to be defended with lies is reac- muting distance" of Washington tionary to the core, and will be and Papa. Most of Pvt. Gillette's sive leaders have been stymied in repudiated by the American peo- fellow basic trainees were shipped

Senator Gillette supports the seniority clauses, which, in most they want the slaughter ended "police action" in Korea - but

Steelworkers Lead CIO Fight Against Wage Freeze

By Cy Thomas

pute is moving toward a showdown which has all the ingredients of a major labor crisis.

Next week, the CIO United Steel Workers Wage Policy Committee will present their demands for a new contract embodying "substantial" wage increases. The union has indicated it is prepared to strike for these demands, if necessary.

UP TO GOVERNMENT

The arrogant steel barons are talking tough. Benjamin Fairless of U.S. Steel and Eugene Grace demands. There will be no wage increase, they say, without a price ment to decide.

son, Truman's Director of the Of- against the wage freeze is a fight The aircraft workers at the ed by risking a strike, loss of ers active in the strike.

fice of Defense Mobilization, has against the government. And Douglas plant in Long Beach, pay and possible smashing of the The impending steel wage dis. declared a steel strike will not Murray must have been ruefully California, were on strike for six union? have to be resolved by the Wage by his friend Truman on John L. Stabilization Board

in the person of its chairman, 'Go ahead and bargain collectivemaybe it won't."

NUB OF PROBLEM

Where does all this leave the steelworkers? In his comments of Bethlehem, spokesmen for Big at the recent CIO convention on the steel wage dispute Philip der present conditions, the little get it before the WSB to begin flatly against the steel workers | Murray unwittingly put his fin- | strike, the one-at-a-time strike, | with? For, as the chairman of the | ger on the nub of the problem. the half-way strike, only succeeds WSB says, even if the strike suc- of the UAW dispute with some "The heavy hand of government," in demoralizing the workers. The ceeds in wresting a wage in- 18 plants in the copper and brass increase. It's up to the govern- he said, "lurks forever around the CIO United Automobile Workers, crease from the employer, "may- industry. When the strike was The government, in the person in its hand ready to bash our number of such experiences reput it into effect, and maybe it brains in with. . "The fight cently."

The government, in the person in its hand ready to bash our number of such experiences rewon't." What then is accomplished to reinstate a number of work-

The Wage Stabilization Board, ers, under similar circumstances.

Nathan P. Feinsinger, advises: hind the steelworkers. Practically at the Wright Aeronautical plant ly. Strikes are still lawful. But pending before the WSB. Their back after being out three weeks. after you've agreed on a wage fate will, in large measure, de- Ditto for the workers at ten Borgincrease, maybe the government | pend on the outcome of the steel | Warner plants striking for induswill let you put it into effect, and wage dispute. One thing is sure, in the approaching conflict, only the use of massive power will decide the issue in favor of labor.

> TEST OF EXPERIENCE Experience has shown that un-

be tolerated. Any dispute would reminded of the bludgeon-jobs weeks before the dispute was certified to the WSB and Reuther Lewis and the United Mine Work- sent the men back to work. The same thing happened to ten thou-The CIO is lined up solidly be- sand members of UAW Local 669 every CIO union has wage cases in New Jersey who were sent try-wide bargaining.

NO PERCENTAGE

If the dispute is to be decided in Washington what is the percentage in walking a picket line for three to six weeks. Why not corner. It may have a bludgeon for example, have gone through a be the government will let you called off at the insistence of

According to the procedure adopted by the WSB the Board can assume jurisdiction only by unanimous consent of its mempers or through the intervention of President Truman. If a voluntary agreement is signed it must be submitted to the Board for approval. If no agreement can be reached the strike becomes the means through which the Board is enabled to intervene. The Board then refuses to "process" the case until the workers return to the job. The whole set-up is rigged against the workers.

A FLAGRANT EXAMPLE

Consider, for example, the case

UAW International Executive Board complained: "We have done our part. It is now up to the Board to see that the companies do theirs. The Board cannot retain the respect of the workers of America, or for that matter, its own self respect if it allows employers to victimize workers who pay heed to the Board's urgings to recess their strikes pending hearings on the merits of the issues in dispute."

Over ten thousand cases are now piled up before the Board. Bargaining between individual union and employer leads to Washington. Behind each employer stands the government, bludgeon in hand, ready to beat down every attempt to breach the wage freeze. United, concerted, nationwide action is required to win this fight. The steelworkers are spearheading the struggle. The CIO has the power to win, if it has the

Notebook of an Agitator

THE PROTESTANT COUNTER-ATTACK

In the present cold war, which is getting hotter all the time, those who rely on what they hear and read must believe that the United States Government is the champion of freedom and democracy. That's what the leaders of the people — the statesmen, the big press and the labor leaders - say all the time. They can't all be liars. Or can they?

To be sure, the aggressions of our government against China - just to take one example would seem to contradict the noble pretentions of our leaders. But to this skeptical suggestion they have a handy answer: That's in another country; and, besides, the Chinese, as Secretary Acheson put it so felicitously at the United Nations in Paris last week, are some sort of subhumans, below "the general level of barbarism."

But now we have a red-hot issue of democracy and freedom right here in our own country. This issue has been hurled into the political arena by President Truman's nomination of a United States ambassador to the Vatican. What have our leaders got to say about this concession to reactionary clericalism? Nothing very direct and straight-forward; instead, a chorus of silence and

The politicians and the labor leaders have stood mute, as the lawyers say, or dummied up as some other people would put it, as though they didn't. hear the question. The metropolitan press on the whole, led by the New York Times, cautiously supports the appointment as "an experiment worth trying" without stating the real issue. With that unctuous hypocrisy and specious reasoning which are the trademark of the Times' editorial page, it is represented that "our envoy will be the Ambassador to State of Vatican City," and not "to the Roman Catholic Church." This distinction without a difference is a rather untimely joke, serving only to irritate people who take a serious issue seriously.

Putting the Issue Squarely

In this situation the Protestant clergymen have stepped forward as the defenders of the democratic tradition so crudely violated by Truman's decision. No doubt religious animosities will be inflamed at some of the lower levels of the fight; and no good can come of that. But the most authoritative and influential spokesmen of American Protestantism are putting the issue squarely on political grounds. They are speaking out fearlessly like real statesmen, putting the cowering politicians and labor skates to shame. And they are being heard.

On Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28, commemorating the day in 1517 that Luther "nailed his theses to the door," the congregations of 8,000 Protestant churches across the country were rallied in a demonstration against the President's action. Petitions to be sent to Washington were signed on church steps. The preachers have their fighting clothes on. They know what the fight is about, and they are pulling no punches.

The Rev. Dr. Robert J. McCracken, minister of the Riverside Church in New York, in his Reformation Sunday sermon, said the Catholic Church is making an "open bid for power and dominance in this country," of which the Truman nomination of an ambassador to Rome was "only the latest example." He called on the Protestant churches in this country to "build up a resistance movement" against the "encroachments" of the Catholic hierarchy. "There will have to be some plain speaking," said the Rev. Doc, and he proceeded to speak, plainly and truthfully, as

"Ceaseless, Surreptitious Pressure"

"With the tide running against it in Europe, is engaged in ceaseless surreptitious pressure to obtain a position of preference and control in the New World. Nor can there be any doubt as to the success attending its efforts.

"It has an astonishing hold over the machinery of American life - the press, the radio, the films, the whole field of public relations. It is constantly bringing its weight to bear on local, state and national officials, on the political machines which rule many of our cities, on labor unions, welfare agencies, teachers' organizations. . . It is high time Protestants realized that Rome has established itself as an independent empire in the United States."

Other preachers, from one end of the country to the other, have spoken out in the same tone of "God's angry men." But the clearest, sharpest and most political argument and denunciation came, as was to be expected, from Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop of New York.

This man is a tough fighter and no respecter of persons. He practically challenges Truman to take off his coat and grab his best hold for a rough-and-tumble. In his blistering declaration there is no tone of subservience, or even of respect, for the present occupant of Blair House Truman may be President of the United States by accident, but Oxnam is Bishop of the Methodis' Church by the grace of God, and he speaks from a superior position.

He starts out by flatly accusing Truman of lying and breaking his promises to Protestant leaders. Writing in The Nation, Nov. 3, the

"He told one of the most influential religious leaders of the nation in the early summer that the issue of an ambassador to the Vatican was dead He told another leader that as long as he was President there would never be an ambassador to the Vatican.

The implication is obvious. Powerful pressure must have been put on Truman by the Vatican and the Catholic hierarchy in this country. But this over-bold aggression of abhorrent clericalism brought an unexpected reaction. The Protestant clergymen are hot under their ministerial collars and up and jumping, with the great Bromley out in front. He calls for a political fight without compromise. Says the Bishop:

On Political Grounds

Titoist Faction Splits German.

The Protestant clergymen are hot under their ministerial collars and up and jumping, with the great Bromley out in front. He calls for a political fight without compromise. Says the Bishop:

On Political Grounds

"The American people will not be led down the road to Rome. . . Protestants will fight the confirmation of General Clark and, if needs be. will carry this issue to the American people for final decision.'

Leaving theological differences entirely aside. he puts the issue where it belongs on politica and democratic grounds:

"The road to Rome leads to clericalism. Hierarchies are characterized by lust for power. property, and prestige. Clericalism is 'the pursuit of power, especially political power, by a religious hierarchy, carried on by secular methods and for purposes of social domination.' Protestants are resolved that clericalism shall not take root in this land and that their own freedom shall not be placed in jeopardy."

Bishop Bromley is not taken in for a minute by the pretense that General Clark has been nominated to the "State of Vatican City," and not to the Vatican as Church, as the Times editorial writer sosphistically explains with tongue in cheek. "No amount of casuistical camouflage can conceal the fact that when the United States government sends an ambassador proposals for unification with the to the Vatican, it is actually sending a representative to the Roman Catholic church."

Again on the same point: "The Roman Catholic hierarchy is not content with spiritual power. It demands temporal power. The present Pope bargained with Mussolini and got a few acres of land and sovereign right thereto. The so-called state is a subterfuge. It is the church in politics. It is the repudiation of the American conception of separation of church and

The Road to Rome

From start to finish of his militant manifesto, the political-minded Bishop is in there crowding his opponent and forcing the fight all the way. He winds up with a wallop:

"The road to Rome leads to an alliance with a church that is itself, as a vast landholder, allied with the reaction in Europe that has often stood against the reform necessary to establish the free society."

That thesis will be hard to counter, for it Bishop could have added that the U.S. government is already allied on the international field with the "vast landholder" and power-house of reaction centered in the Vatican. That's one of the main reasons why the million-masses of exploited workers and land - hungry peasants throughout the world are against America.

When the working people of this country realize the full implications of the move to extend this reactionary alliance to our own soil, and thus to strengthen the trend to reactionary clericalism here, they will have no choice but to join Bishop Oxnam and the rest of the Protestant clergy in the fight against it. If the workers want to know what clerical domination means, let them take one good look at Spain.

The Protestant leaders don't go all the way: but as far as they go it is in the right direction and their fight on this issue is the people's fight

\$18,000 FUND SCOREBOARD

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Newark	\$ 500	\$ 322	64
Pittsburgh	50	30	60
Akron	150	80	53
Chicago	1,000	475	48
St. Paul-Minneapolis	1,000	444	44
Flint	350	134	39
Milwaukee	250	98	39
Youngstown	350	120	34
St. Louis	100	30	30
Connecticut	75	20	27
Philadelphia	400	99	25
Los Angeles	2,600	610	23
Detroit	1,500	324	22
Seattle	400	82	21
New York	5,000	983	20
Toledo	50	10	20
Buffalo	1,000 .	190	19
Boston	550	97	18
Cleveland	300	32	11
San Francisco	1,000	45	5
Allentown	75	0	0
Oakland	150	0	0
General	1,150	200	17
Total through Nov. 19	\$18,000	\$4,425	25

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PAPER GETS TAMER

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Tribune, the UAP's newspaper,

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In Italy, the Titoists simply

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Nuova and the organization

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which had rejected the Titoist

social patriotic organization head-

In Germany, they are now

engaged in scuttling the very

hopeful attempt to reconstruct a

split with the revolutionary

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SWP Organization-Press Fund at Quarter Mark

Fund Campaign Manager

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party collected \$784 during the week on their quotas in the 3-month \$18,000 Organization and Press Fund. The scoreboard shows a national total of \$4,425 feet either. They have fulfilled \$1,000 quota. paid through Nov. 19 - 25% at the end of the fifth week. At this point each and every branch should have 39% of its quota fulfilled in order to be on schedule in the campaign. Only seven branches are on schedule or

Newark branch, far ahead of schedule with 64% of their \$500 pectations. Just hope we don't quota, didn't wait for the cam- drop below fourth place!" Your

ber. And since then they have with 48%. been regular as rain in making and transmitting weekly collections.

The Pittsburgh comrades didn't 60% of their quota already. Akron, high on the scoreboard

with 53%, got there by getting an early start.

Hildegarde writes for the Chicago comrades: "Check for \$64. enclosed. I hoped it would be more this week since collections last week were not up to expaign to start, but began collect- hopes have materialized, Hilde-

The St. Paul-Minneapolis com-

rades have been shooting in enough money each week to keep the Twin Cities ahead of schedule. let any grass grow under their They have completed 44% of their

> Flint and Milwaukee, tied for sixth place in this week's scoreboard, are on schedule with 39%. Comrade Genora says: "You won't have to worry about the Flint branch. We may not break any records this time, but by George! we'll keep on schedule!" To be on schedule is good enough.

Letters from the branches show they are determined to step up payments on their Organization and Press Fund quotas.

Comrade Alma explains that the Philadelphia branch is "very unhappy about not being at the one-third mark in time for last week's scoreboard. . . We generally get off to a slow start on these things, so I can only say that we will do better as we go

M. Baker writes for the Detroit branch: "We're off to a slow start on the fund, but hope to pick up speed soon.'

Sally C. of Boston airmailed a \$34 payment, saying: "The Boston branch will try to do better in their payments.

A group of Socialist Workers secretariat left this body of his Party supporters in the South own accord as it had in reality sent in a \$200 contribution, boosting "General" to 17%. Thanks a lot for this needed

"Titoist" conceptions on scale as possible the democratic exclusion of Georg Jungelass, The capitulationist evolution of the building of the UAP were discussion which had been former secretary of the Trot-

the international working class Attracting certain backward and ed spontaneously among the of the party. lems.

brutality, cynicism and bureau- succeed in winning over the But the bureaucrats who led became tamer from week to week, the immediate and transitional

Tugoslav foreign policy has not verified to the letter. The new solemnly promised at the found-skyist organization and repreailed in having its disastrous organization began to stagnate ing convention of the party. In sentative of the revolutionary effects on the limited sectors of from its very birth. Worse yet: many branches discussions start- Marxist wing in the leadership

movement influenced by the Com- completely apolitical elements, it membership. Nothing would have Following his exclusion from lost valuable cadres who came been easier than for the leader- the secretariat by a vote of order to impose its "general line" from the communist movement ship to generalize and lead this 5 against 2 with 2 abstentions, on these circles, its emissaries and were seriously rooted in the discussion by clearly taking Heinrich Bixl, a second revoluhave had to intervene with trade union movement. It did not positions on the debated prob- tionary Marxist member of the the UAP were frightened at the become nothing but a faction

idea of such a discussion. As leadership. worthy heirs of Stalinism, they tariat then adopted a resolution viewed it as "disintegrating" at the very time that their own line for a "break with Trotskyism," declaring that the ideas of the was demoralizing the entire or-Fourth International on the ganization. They attributed the stagnation of the organization, defense of the USSR were "inagainst which the ranks had compatible with the platform of begun to react, to the "discussion | the UAP" - which never took a atmosphere." The Yugoslav emis- position either on the character saries did not fail to fan the nor on the defense of the USSR, a flames and to brutally demand a problem which was never disbreak with the "Trotskyist split- cussed in the UAP! This resolu-

secretariat of the UAP was sudan abstract "socialism" and in denly convened. On the basis of authors — sent to the capitalist known in this country only as a a slanderous report of pure press. There was only one way to Stalinist vintage, and basing make the party conscious of this themselves on the demand of a danger and to reverse its course provincial leadership which had before it was too late: to im- been elected by a faked vote, the mediately open on as broad a Titoist majority demanded the

tion was published in Freie On August 25, a meeting of the Tribune and — significantly disclosing the intentions of its

What remained of the secre-

The Titoist faction in the UAP Rogge's "career of perfidy" in the had counted on a brief and Nov. 16 Daily Worker: peaceful "cleansing" of the party. "For a time, this character To its great surprise it was to pretended to be part of the peace learn that the German revolu- camp, holding 'honest differences' tionary vanguard, steeped in its with the organizations in which apparatuses of the SP and the in the Justice Department suc-CP, was no longer to be duped ceeded in taking in many people by the miserable maneuvers of for a while since obviously the functionaries trying to execute peace camp is so big that there

the orders of foreign powers, even are bound to be plenty of honest of workers' states, in the workers' differences within it." movement. Protest resolutions But the people who were most adopted by the important sec- "taken in" by Rogge were the Hamburg, Cologne, Frankfort, were the only one of this kind, hands before treating their pa- Regensburg, Bremerhaven, etc. - his case might be dismissed as

Cologne, the representatives of as "progressive" because he was lined up all the opportunist or a willing response by the workers secuted him to the end of his the sections and of the revolu- willing to go along with them who are looking for fighters who days. Just as Dr. Semmelweis's tionary Marxist tendency in the on one point or another. corded only secondary importance are serious about getting rid of ideas finally found acceptance be- UAP unanimously adopted a Henry Wallace is another of capitalism. "Just as the 1930's - cause he was right, the hounding resolution denouncing the lying, the same type - capitalist and who hoped to build a "broad in which the CIO arose — is of revolutionists today will not factional and bureaucratic char- politicians whom the Stalinists known as the period when the prevent the victory of their ideas acter of the Aug. 28th decisions hail and support and build up in which express the direction in of the secretariat, pointing out the eyes of the public as "fightthat these decisions were in fla- ers for peace and democracy" but Making an appeal for the fund, grant violation of the platform at a crucial moment always stick Murry Weiss showed how vital and the statutes of the party and a knife into the backs of the Stalit was to continue our work of demanding their immediate re- inists and the workers who listen education under any and all cir- vocation, the reestablishment of to them. cumstances. As a result, the freedom of discussion in the audience contributed generously, party, the immediate organiza- right. But the Stalinists are just part of the collection going to the tion of the programmatic dis- as guilty of it as the capitalist

> The openly splitting course of Rogge can wipe out the record the Titoist faction of the UAP of their past alliances with him. revolutionary Marxist forces in even today they are hunting high the party from continuing their and low to find another, not-yet-

Internationale

DuBois Acquitted, Rogge Stoolpigeon

(Continued from Page 1) once more to repeat their false claim that whoever opposes their

policy inevitably ends up in the camp of imperialism and reaction. But it embarrasses them too. Because Rogge became well result of the publicity and praise they heaped upon him. Here is how they tried to explain away

began to pour into the office of accidental. But the fact is that the secretariat at Duesseldorf. he is just one of many whom the On Sept. 22 and 23, meeting in Stalinists have tried to palm off

Militant fund and part for the ex- cussion and the convocation of an politicians whom they cheered emergency convention to decide vesterday and damn today. None of their present denunciations of with their support as presidential candidate on a "peace" ticket in

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Five Groups in S. F. Youth Forum

Editor: An audience of 45 young people heard a debate on "What Youth Wants" at the First Unitarian Church. Participating in the debate were the Young

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Republicans, Young Democrats, lonly defense was that they spoke cause of membership in the So-Labor Youth League (Stalinist), for themselves and not for their cialist Workers Party, the Stalin-

When asked why the Stalinists how inoperative and ineffective didn't defend the 18 SWP mem- the "Titoist" conceptions were, the bers indicted under the Smith Act two wings of the organization in 1941 and sent to prison, the came to a compromise at the Labor Youth League representa- founding congress itself. tive said that he hadn't been the fight to defend the 11 leaders of the Communist Party when ed that a broad programmatic

the right to freedom of speech.

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pion of civil rights. When the SWP speaker pointed out that the Stalinists didn't support couldn't be trusted.

Dick Berger San Francisco, Calif.

a similar "program," backed up by its old cadres who are solidly rooted in the workers' movement, bars the road to any new party Party) and the Socialist Workers speaker boasted he was a cham- which tries to be a miniature edition of it. Because the programmatic discussions which had preceded the James Kutcher, legless veteran founding congress of the party who was fired from his job with had led to an impasse and the Veterans Administration be- threatened to prevent the very founding of the party; because cialist Workers Party, the Stalin- the revolutionary Marxists were ist reply was to slander Kutcher convinced that the experience of as an agent of the FBI who life would rapidly demonstrate to all healthy elements in the UAP

> They merely adopted a platform around then and didn't know too which, beside a general declaramuch about the case. It was tion of principles, contained only shown that the SWP supported a program of immediate and transitional demands. They decidthey were indicted under the discussion on all the questions in dispute - perspective and char-This is the first meeting of this acter of the new party, internatype seen in San Francisco for tional perspectives, the USSR, many years. This type of meeting and Stalinism, the Korean war, is refreshing today when we have the Yugoslav question - would a drive toward regimentation of be organized immediately after the convention and that the party

> > discussion. It soon became clear that the predictions of the revolutionary Marxists regarding the absurdity

would democratically decide its

differences in the course of a free

cealed behind the regroupment of independent communist and socialist forces on which the party on the one side were all the Myra Weiss at Tour's End revolutionary Marxists of ex-By Louise Manning tremely varied backgrounds (Trotskyists, former members of LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18 — Myra Tanner Weiss, chairpposition groups, former leaders man of the Socialist Workers Party in Los Angeles, closed of the CP, etc.) who desired to

her national tour for socialism on Friday night before tions of the party - Berlin, Stalinists themselves. If Rogge itself on the entire tradition of a very receptive and eager 3 German and international com- audience.

The mood of confidence in the tients. This simple procedure, pose, demanded the elaboration victory of socialism which char- which no one would question toacterized her speech strongly day, aroused the wrath of official On the other side there were affected her audience. It met with society which hounded and persetting up a powerful and well- mass of workers became union conscious," said comrade Weiss, "the 1950's will be known as the period in which the working class began to advance toward political consciousness?

WORKERS WILL FIGHT

terests of the workers; it is even Mrs. Weiss went on to show more absurd in a country like that only the force of the work-Germany where the social demoing class has prevented the outcracy with analagous methods and break of the third world war, and explained that the main purpose of the witch-hunt coming from Washington is an attempt to outstanding in its spirit of will not prevent the important Nor do they obscure the fact that crush the organizations of the enthusiasm, especially in comworkers who are paying for the parison with the gloom and hopewar program with both blood and lessness coming from Washing- efforts to build the nucleus for discredited capitalist politician money. She predicted that the ton. At the end of the evening, the new leadership of the Ger-like Rogge or Wallace to run mighty American labor move- we had one new member, and a man proletariat. ment will not be intimidated into number of new subscribers to the silence so easily and will lead Militant. many battles to defend the living standards of the workers.

Speaking for the National Militant Fund drive, Murry Weiss showed the similarity in the aims of the tour, and the maintenance of the paper, both of which help to spread our ideas. He compared the struggle for socialism, beginning with Marx and Engels in 1848 with that of a courageous octor living at the same period.

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penses of the tour. The meeting was chaired by all questions in dispute. Milt Alvin, acting organizer in Los Angeles. As a whole it was

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Mr. Dewey: Apostle of War

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York is one of the main cogs in the Republican team now booming Eisenhower for president. Dewey represents the so-called "liberal" or "internationalist" wing of the Republican party. Like his patrons in Wall Street, Dewey is global-minded.

he said, "if we're going to have World War III." That, he answered, "is a stupid question. We are now in World War III on a vast scale — the worst kind of a propaganda, insurrectionist, treasonable war and the question is will it the Tito regime to western im- for Tito to do so now? turn into total, atomic war."

This conclusion, he asserted, was based on his own observation during his sixty-day 41,000-mile tour of the Company once it proved impossi- policy and is steeped in its op-Pacific during which he "visited fourteen nations, colonies and territories including the battle-ground of Korea." To slavs to their knees in complete izations. It is proof essentially of Mr. Dewey, the struggle of the Asian masses for national independence and freedom from imperialist exploitation is, "the worst kind of a propaganda, insurrectionist, treasonable war." And in a way he's right. It all depends on

From the viewpoint of Wall Street the revolt of the Asian masses against imperialist domination is everything Dewey says it is. From the viewpoint of the colonial slaves. the poverty-ridden, oppressed and exploited workers and peasants, it is a just, noble and progressive war of liberation. We take our stand with the Asian masses:

Mr. Dewey is right — there is no peace in Asia. Nor in the Middle East, nor in Europe, Africa, nor the Amer- up on the other side of the bar- not of radicals. It carries the feicas. Capitalism breeds war; capitalism is war. There can ricades. be no peace between master and slave; between exploiter KREMLIN SLANDER FLOOD and exploited; between capital and labor.

Capitalism is a rapacious monster whose insatiable appetite grows with the number of victims on which it feeds. Imperialist rivalry for new markets, sources of raw | The primary responsibility for | Trotsky, against insuperable material, new fields of capital investment and areas of exploitation, brought two World Wars in a single generation. But there is no peace!

Mr. Acheson in Paris says the United Nations disarmament plan will bring peace. Mr. Acheson lies.

Mr. Vishinsky says the Russian disarmament plan will ensure "peaceful co-existence." Mr. Vishinsky lies.

So long as capitalism exists there can be no peace. Only socialism can bring peace.

Politics and the Unions

During the recent CIO convention in New York, Emil Mazey made headlines with a speech opposing the candidacy of General Eisenhower in the coming presidential anti-Tito propaganda, typical of Yugoslav working masses against elections. The Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers drew upon his own experience as an enlisted man their opponents over the years. tunism of their leadership is lead-brought into play. in the armed forces and came to this conclusion: "...no But that isn't all. By itself, the man who reaches the position of a general, who has spent torrent of abuse would not have his entire life in the environment of the caste system and dictatorship of the Army has the proper basic training bitter civil war without much aid to be President of the United States."

This speech sounded a long-overdue warning in the respective workers will agree with the respective. Stalin never does things by labor movement. Workers will agree with the reasoning of Mazey in opposing the trend towards militarization of the political life of the U.S.

The same speech contained some other remarks that were not so well publicized. Mazey, in discussing the resolution of the CIO convention on political action, refers without explanation to "our failure on the legislative der its control broke off all trade

What did he mean by this remark? He was talking about the failure of the labor movement to make any this economic blockade were devsubstantial dent in politics under the present policy of the labor leadership, both in the CIO and the AFL.

This failure has been so widely recognized, that Democratic and Republican politicians pay very little attention to the recommendations of CIO and AFL leaders when choosing candidates. The general trend of both major parties is towards the choice of reactionary and anti-labor candidates.

More important, even when the labor movement succeeds in electing a so-called "friend of labor," such as President Truman, the elected official goes right ahead and operates as a servant of anti-labor forces.

Mazey, in his speech, points out how Truman has

served the big business interests. He says: "We can cite instance after instance where the Presi-

dent has had the opportunity of placing people in govern- USSR than that the party and ment to properly protect the interests of workers, but government of a workers' state instead of that he has repeatedly given to big business, responsibilities that affect the lives of the majority of the people of our country."

These remarks in Mazey's speech are only a tiny sample of the results of the present political policy of the labor leadership. It is no wonder that Mazey lets slip the remark about "our failure on the legislative front."

What does Mazey propose to do about this failure? From this same speech, it would appear that he intends to do nothing. Speaking about the CIO Convention resolution on political action, he says: "I say that our resolution on political action is a good resolution." Why he says this about a resolution which proposes no change in a why is it wrong for us? If it was policy which has led to self-admitted "failure on the legislative front" he does not make clear.

Capitalist political parties were never intended to serve the interests of the labor movement. On the con- USSR" why is it wrong for us trary, their function is to keep the workers in subjection to the exploiters of labor. The only way to reverse the anti-labor and reactionary trend in the country today is for labor to build its own independent political party: the Independent Labor Party.

Moving Up



ANEURIN BEVAN

Aneurin Bevan and the British Elections By Paul G. Stevens

Two figures towered above all | first time. the rest in the voluminous ac-

American newspapers describcounts of the recent British elec- ed Churchill as "pro-American," tions. One was the familiar Win- while Bevan was painted up as ston Churchill, leader of the Con- | "anti-American" in the oversimservative (Tory) Party that was plified way characteristic of the returned to power by a narrow treatment given foreign news margin. The other was a relative these days. The unrestrained junewcomer on the world political bilation over Churchill's victory

scene: Aneurin Bevan, former was shared by the reactionary N. Minister of Health, and later of Y. Daily News as well as by the Labor, whose dramatic resigna- liberal N. Y. Post. But this joy tion from the Attlee government was somewhat dampened by the last April brought him into the huge popular vote of the defeated

Like his patrons in Wall Street, Dewey is global-minded. No "isolationist" nonsense for him. And that goes for his candidate. Dewey did some plain talking in a speech last week before the New York State chapter, American Women in Radio and Television. Everybody is asking the question, he said, "if we're going to have World War III." That, he

perialism is a priceless service capitulation and unquestioning acmethods, and his criminal policies, struck out on a Stalinist not which has been rife in the world Leninist road. communist movement since the end of the war. You see, he says a dare criticize my policies or who

the kind. Only superficial thinkferences broke out into the open defeatist philosophy. in 1948, were in vain. The Krem-

halves when he is confronted with opponents within the working class movement. struck at Yugoslavia with his strongest weapon: economic terror. The Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries unrelations with Yugoslavia. For a primarily agricultural country like Yugoslavia, the effects of astating. Yugoslavia depended on Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union for manufactured goods; its plans for industrialization were hinged directly on the aid

turn to the capitalist west for assistance. Thus Stalin succeeded in manufacturing his "proofs." Let Yugoslavia go back to capitalism, let it become a military base of the Atlantic coalition against the Soviet Union — that was of less importance to him and the bureaucratic caste in the should criticize his regime or demand equal rights with it, and get away with it.

THE STALIN LINE

Stalin not only did his utmost to force the Titoites onto their present course. It was he and his regime which blazed the trail for the Yugoslavs in theory and in practice. After all, they reasoned in Belgrade, if it is right for Moscow to compromise working class principles for the sake of "peaceful cohabitation with capitalism" right for Moscow to betray the Spanish workers before the war and the Greek workers after the war to save "socialism in the

ican imperialism as a great "dem- | rodent pests.

Tito's capitulatory policy to imto the Kremlin. It is precisely the perialism has dozens of precealternative desired by Stalin and dents in the history of Stalin's ble to force the dissident Yugo- portunist "theoretical" rationalthe results of conformity with ceptance of Russian dictation. It the school of Stalinism, not of disprovides the 'proof' Stalin has so sent from it. Following a brief badly needed since the end of the turn to revolutionary politics, and war to silence the discontent and coming under terrific external criticism of his arbitrary, brutal and internal pressures, they

There are those who say with gloomy fatalism: Tito should holding up Yugoslavia as "the not have fought. Stalin was too horrible example," all those who powerful; Yugoslavia too small, too weak, too isolated. It was a dare demand any form of "equal losing battle. This is the timerights" or independence must end worn formula of conservatives, tid odor of defeatism, the very tury. It demonstrated that the antithesis of revolutionary politics. It was in the teeth of such In reality it proves nothing of counsels of doom that the heroic Wobblies laid the foundations for ers or those easily browbeaten by present-day industrial unionism ideological terror are taken in. in our country; that Lenin and Yugoslavia's adherence to the im- odds, planted the banner of soperialist alignment rests with the cialism in one of the poorest, Kremlin and not with the Tito most backward countries in the regime. They did not voluntarily world. The socialist movement leave the Soviet bloc - they were | could not survive for long in thrown out. All their efforts to America today were it to make effect a reconciliation, after dif- the slightest concession to this kept from the Chinese revolution

lin ordered the expulsion of the is that it gives Yugoslavia up for Yugoslav Communist Party from lost while the workers' state is the Cominform; it broke off dip-still in existence in that country, lomatic relations with Yugosla- while there is still a chance to

The present accommodation of during the war why is it wrong tulation to Stalin, or accepting the fate of Rumania or Bulgaria. They will fight with the same indomitable courage they showed in the partisan struggles only if they believe that the price of their sacrifices for the anti-imperialist camp is not the crushing of their independence under the heel of the Kremlin. They need encouragement and support - and plenty of it - from the socialist and working class movement in the world; not gloomy "I-told-you-so's" that they should have never fought Stalin in the first place.

Whatever the fate of Yugoslavia, it has already made a priceless contribution to the struggle precious as the contribution made by the Communards in Paris in a different way in the last cenpower of great mass movements is mightier than any bureaucracy, that the extension of the socialist revolution whatever its immediate leadership, does not strengthen but undermines the rule of the Kremlin. The experience of the Yugoslav struggle has already had its effect on the greatest revolutionary upheaval in the world today, in China. Not the least of the reasons for the respectful distance Stalin has and for Mao's unmistakable re-The worst of this philosophy sistance to Kremlin domination has been — the Yugoslav expe-

The pattern of the future was shown in Yugoslavia's revoluvia; it took the offensive all along save it from reconquest by capi- tionary resistance to the Moscow the line. Long before anyone talism. To be sure, the situation clique, not in Tito's present knew the Yugoslav side of the is a difficult one, the odds strong capitulatory policy to imperialstory, Eastern Europe and the in favor of reaction. But if there ism. This resistance will sucwhole world was flooded with is any chance of mobilizing the ceed, as China already partially demonstrates, when the arena of the lies and slanders the Stalin- the restoration of the old regime struggle is large enough and ist leaders have hurled against to which the treacherous oppor- when great mass movements are

kill Chinese and save ourselves." The author of this statement, made last Feb. 28, was the then 8th Army commander, Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

South Korean Atrocities

When we speak of atrocities in Korea, especially against prisoners, let us look also at the mountains of corpses heaped up by the puppet-regime of Synghman Rhee, armed, led and drilled by the U.S. high command. Here is an eye-witness account by Gordon Walker, Christian Science Monitor correspondent, published on July 15, 1950.

"...Just then a South Korean captain walks into the schoolhouse. . . He wants the colonel (U.S.) to give him permission to execute 600 prisoners. . . The colonel says he can't give him permission for a thing like that and adds that, besides, enemy encirclement is too imminent and he can't waste time on such matters. . and cooperation of these coun-The captain scratches his head. 'Well,' he says, 'we will probably lose this town tonight, and if we let these Communist prisoners go crisis Yugoslavia was forced to we will probably wake up in the morning and find one under our bed with a rifle in his hand. . . I think I had better hurry back and finish up my little execution job."

The Militant has printed several times the notable account by ohn Osborne, senior Far East correspondent, in the Aug. 21, 1950, Life magazine, describing "our reliance on, or passive acquiescence in, the murderous habits and methods of our South Korean helpers" who "murder civilians simply to get them out of the way or to avoid the trouble of searching and cross-examining them. And they and for that reason they relaxed their strictness. extort information. . . by means so brutal that they cannot be described. Too often they murder prisoners of war and civilians pefore they have had a chance to give any information they may

Charles Grutzner, N.Y. Times correspondent, revealed on Sept. 29, 1950, "the slaughter of hundreds of South Korean civilians, women as well as men, by some U.S. troops and police of the Republic (Rhee regime)." Time magazine of Dec. 25, 1950, wrote that since the liberation of Seoul last September, South Korean firing squads have been busy liquidating 'enemies of the state.' . . . With savage indifference, the military executioners shot men, women and children."

Operation Killer

But all else pales before the total atrocity which U.S. imperialism has visited on the civilians of Korea — two million slain, 10 million homeless in South Korea as a result of the deliberate scorched earth" policy of the American military command. Only the day before Col. Hanley issued his fabricated report charging atrocities to the Chinese and North Koreans, the Nov. 13 N.Y. Times published a photograph which epitomized the real atrocity.

It showed a U.S. Marine helicopter hovering directly over thatch-roofed hut in Korea and the caption read: "An airborne Marine demolition crew spraying a native hut with gasoline prepto sacrifice the interests of the aratory to setting it afire with a phosphorus grenade during drive Korean and Chinese peoples for on guerrilas. The movement was called 'Operation Rabbit-Hunt.' the "higher interests of social- The destruction of the Korean nation down to the last peasant hut ism in Yugoslavia"? If it was and the burning out of the Korean people is viewed by the Wall right for Stalin to paint up Amer- | Street marauders and vandals as nothing more than a hunt against

international limelight for the Labor Party, greater than that of the country considerable sympa- uncertain middle class elements Bevan and his friends.

BEVAN GROUP WINS

Churchill's Conservatives won of the following of what had once een the second great party of Great Britain's capitalist class, he Liberal Party. Labor's massive vote, on the other hand, was eccompanied by generally unexpected victories for candidates associated with Bevan's Left Wing in shaky "marginal" constituencies. These were electoral districts of the same type as those n which the official Labor leadto the Tory-Liberal combination, and thus made possible Churchstaid and sober London Times summed up this aspect of the election results in the following succinct editorial comment: "Almost as remarkable as the

virtual extinction of the Liberal Party - and as full of significance for the future - has been his associates. . . (The latter) were all defending marginal taining them. It cannot be just a coincidence — nor only a tribute to their vigorous personalities that being so perilously placed, they yet managed to survive when others, would have been large enough to oust at least three of that there is among the rank and ism could only repel them.

out mainly by gobbling up most than ever as the spokesman of ment. If it were not for the suc-Labor Party leaders could draw considerable consolation from the

MIDDLE CLASS SUPPORT

What this sensitive organ of capitalist public opinion is here confirming is important: By demonstrating in the elections that ership dropped some twenty seats they could win in "marginal" constituencies - in which the middle class (petty bourgeois) vote ill's majority in Parliament. The tips the scales — the Left Wing of Aneurin Bevan disproved the whole wisdom of the old Attlee leadership. The Attlee policy was based on blurring class divisions, on going slow and calling a halt to socialist measures - all in order not to antagonize the "floating middle class vote." That polithe triumph of Mr. Bevan and cy lost marginal seats, and thus

governmental power. The Bevan policy of "more soseats, and all succeeded in re- | cialism" and sharper attacks on capitalism retained similar seats. It was almost a pure laboratory test. It offered statistical proof that if the vacillating sectors of society were to be won over firmthe swing of opinion, if it had ly to Labor's side, only a more run against them as against resolute socialist, anti-capitalist policy could do it. The Labor leadership's reformist half-measthem. It would seem clear in fact ures and conciliation with capital for socialism the world over, as file of the Labor supporters in Bevanism" not only swung the

the victorious Tories, and more thy for. . . the case put by Mr. where it had the opportunity, it particularly by the showing of Bevan and his friends. . . (His) also heartened and galvanized the position is obviously strengthened staunch working class core every-... and when the great debate in where. As our London correspondthe Labor party is resumed he ent reported in The Militant two can pose even more confidently weeks ago, Labor "scraped the barrel" in the solid industrial the real heart of the Labor move- districts. "Bevanism" halted the swing to the Right - indicated cess of Mr. Bevan's group, the by all the public opinion polls nstead of accelerating it, as the capitalists hoped. It thus opened up a new path for the British workers out of the dead-end into which they had been led by the old Attlee leadership.

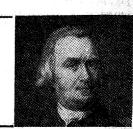
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"Bevanism" has been described variously and vaguely — as 'demagogic anti-Americanism" by capitalist opponents, and as 'more socialism" by working class sympathizers. Such descriptions. like all pat attempts to sum up views on a whole range of social and political questions, are much too simple to be adequate. But they contain more than a grain of truth. They reflect widespread moods of the British masses for whom Aneurin Bevan has become the outstanding spokesman. Nor is there anything accidental in Bevan's role. The British working class has reached a high point in what has been a rather steady leftward development for more than half a century. And Aneurin Bevan, whatever his faults or merits, mirrors that advance more faithfully than any other single personality in the British labor novement today.

(Next week: Bevan, The Man and His Record)

Sam Adams and the American Revolution: 3-

PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONIST



By Harry Frankel

From his young manhood on, Sam Adams made the fight against British oppression of the colonies his profession. He let nothing stand in the way of this profession. Danger, hardship and poverty were all part of his daily routine for most of his life, but he placed his principles above everything. "Stern and incorruptible" was the eputation which Sam Adams acquired.

In 1748, 25 years before the revolutionary crisis matured, Adams, together with some riends, founded the Boston Public Advertiser, a radical newspaper. This was the beginning of his ournalistic work. Adams was to become the most able writer, agitator and propagandist of the American Revolution.

After the Advertiser failed, Adams became a egular contributor to the Boston and New England radical press. The Boston Gazette was the chief radical paper, and Adams wrote for this paper under 17 different names.

Adams was also to gain fame as the greatest of revolutionary organizers and strategists. In this early period, Adams began this work in the Caucus Club, which his father had helped to

The Caucus Club was the steering committee of the oppositionists to British crown government. It was composed of the leading resistance fighters: workingmen, artisans, tradesmen, and some merchants. This club met regularly to agree upon policies and candidates, which the caucus then supported in the town meetings and sessions of the colonial legislature.

Adams rapidly became the most powerful figare in the Caucus Club. His popularity was based apon his consistently good advice, his firmness n principle, his flexibility in maneuvering, and his ability in handling men.

The Royal Governors

The radical newspapers of Massachusetts, together with the Caucus Club, made life miserable or the royal governors of Massachusetts. "A governor's station," said Adams, "is very slippery." In the course of thirty years, work, Adams was to drive many governors from the shores of New England. He knew how to build up a murderous pressure, and make it very difficult for a royal governor to operate.

His fight against British governors had one very instructive exception. Governor Pownall, who held his office during three years of the French and Indian War, from 1757 to 1760, gave the colony a mild administration. The British needed colonial aid very badly during the war, Adams not only left Pownall alone, but virtually supported him. He was to regret this as a serious error in the years to come. A decade later, conciliationists were to use the Pownall regime as a demonstration of their claim that it was possible to live in peace with the British. These conciliators demanded a "return" to the policies of the Pownall regime.

Adams, who always closed off every possible loophole to his antagonists, was compelled to refute this argumegnt. He had to re-evaluate the Pownall regime in order to make it plain that the concessions made by the British in that period were only temporary, and were made only because the British had no choice at the time.

By supporting a British governor for a few short years, Adams had helped to sow the illusion that revolution was unnecessary; all that was needed was a "good" governor. But he later corrected that error, and never made it again. As matter of fact, in later years, when the mass movement succeeded in wringing a few concessions from the British, Adams always warned the people not to slacken their vigilance on that

The Social Antagonisms

As Adams developed and matured, the social antagonisms that were to produce the revolution matured in like measure. The big turning point

of colonial relations with Britain came with the ending of the French and Indian War, in 1763. Before that, relations had been uneasy, and even marked by rebellions, but after the ending of the war, the antagonisms flared out in revolutionary form. The colonial policy of the capitalists who gov-

erned Britain has been given the name "mercan-Mercantilism was more than a mere policy, it was a whole stage of capitalism. It was the stage when the merchant capitalists ruled, before the industrial capitalists displaced them as the dominant force in society. Merchant capital makes its profits through the

purchase and sale of commodities. Thus the whole effort of the British capitalist class was to establish the most profitable conditions for the purchase and sale of goods by British merchants.

This had a twofold effect on early American development. It both helped and hindered the growth of American economy. On the one hand, the protection and assistance of the powerful, commercially and militarily supreme British Empire helped the colonists to prosper. And on the other hand, the British merchant capitalists tried to skim off the cream of the profits produced on the plantations, farms and fisheries of the colonies. But the British had to permit, even to assist, the growth of early economy in order to ex-

British policy succeeded in the plantation colonies of the south. Here the British merchants seized hold of the big staple crops, tobacco, rice. indigo, and marketed them at great profits, turning back only a pittance to the southern planters. Because of this, the planters fell further and further into debt to British merchants and factors. Finally, towards the second half of the century, the planters were becoming, as Thomas Jefferson — himself a planter — said, "a species of property annexed to certain mercantile houses."

The planters faced absolute ruin within the British mercantile system. They had to break out of it. That is why many of the biggest planters, like George Washington, and most of the smaller planters, like Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, became radicals in the end, unlike the ruling classes of the northern and middle colonies, who wound up mostly Tory.

The Merchants and Britain

In the northern and middle colonies, in the merchant-dominated cities like Boston where Sam Adams grew up, the situation was somewhat different. The British never fully succeeded in integrating these colonies into the mercantile system. They never succeeded in getting a firm grip on the trade of these parts of the country. The merchants owned their own ships, and they scoured the seas for trade opportunities pretty much as they pleased.

During the French and Indian war, the colonial merchants preyed mercilessly upon the British forces, selling them everything at high prices, and also enriching themselves by trade with the enemy. At the close of the war, the British, having removed their last serious rival on the American continent, began to move against the colon-

The British renewed their machinery for collecting long-defunct import taxes. They started the search and seizure of vessels and contraband cargoes. They planned new taxes to pay the cost of the French and Indian War. In brief, the British opened a campaign to extend their control over the merchants, and also to tighten their grip upon the planters.

So that, after 1763, the antagonisms began to come to a head, and the revolutionary explosions followed. Sam Adams, who had already labored for more than 15 years as an anti-British oppositionist, was now joined by powerful new forces. The merchants came on the scene, the protests became widespread, great popular movements

were stirred into life, and the fights started. (Next Week: The Struggle Begins)

THE MILITANT

Just a few weeks ago — during the course of the "peace" talks at Kaesong - Mrs. Paul Scanlon of Minneapolis received the dread telegram

"The Secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your son PFC Scanlon, James C. was killed in action in Korea 2 Sept. 51. Confirming letter follows."

(Signed) Wm. E. Bergin, Major General USA, The Adjutant General of the Army.

Seeking to make a dramatic display as part of a Red Cross Armistice Day appeal for blood, the Minneapolis Star published this letter along with other records of the life and death of this 22-year old Korean casualty. As his mother, Mrs. Paul Scanlon, showed the Star reporter all of the various family snapshots and keepsakes, she voiced the sad bewilderment of all Gold Star mothers: "It seems impossible that Jim is gone."

For here was a birth certificate from Maternity Hospital recording the happy fact that baby boy Scanlon had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scanlon on March 11, 1929 — and that would not seem long ago at all to a fond mother!

And then there was a picture of a fat, smiling baby, whose polished face and slicked-down hair showed how much preparation had preceded the visit to the photographer. There were several snapshots: a shy, long-legged little boy, holding on to his father's hand while a picture was taken at a family picnic; a more assured little athlete in skating togs; a handsome young lad in his white Confirmation suit; a picture of Jim and his brother, Paul, playing basketball for Washburn High School. There were photos of medals won in many sports. The last picture was taken when Jim became PFC James C. Scanlon in December,

Then, there were published excerpts from his letters to his mother from Korea:

Aug. 3 — "I'm sending \$30 for you to put in the bank for me, or, if you happen to have something you can use it for just go ahead. They have informed us we are going back on the line . . . I'm just praying they'll sign a peace of some kind, I also hope it's before I go."

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Aug. 10 — "Before I forget again, could you SWP Campaign send me a box of candy, peanuts, cookies, etc. I sure could go for some. . . It sure made me mad about those peace talks. . . I don't think they really want to end all this."

Aug. 16 - "Just finished my lunch and am having a smoke. It was quite a lunch. Can of beans, crackers and jam, cup of coffee and cookies. . . We do get a hot meal every evening up here so it helps a lot. C-Rations for breakfast and lunch... It's a pretty tough climb up here and it takes a chow party about five hours or so to get up. . . I haven't heard too much about this cease

Aug. 27 — "I sure hope and pray they come to some cease fire agreement soon. Tomorrow, we go out on the outpost again for five days. Then back to the valley for another five days rest. You know I've been thinking of going back to school again when I get out of this army. Just to learn how to spell if nothing else - Good

That was his last letter home. On Sept. 2, James Scanlon met death on a lonely, wind-swept army outpost - over 7,000 miles from home. And the Secretary of the Army of the not-very-grateful country which had seent young Scanlon to an unnecessary and untimely death did not even sign his name to the telegram of "regret" sent to the parents! Still more ironical, the officer who signed the wire could use plenty of words and space to record his Big Brass title - "Wm. Bergin, Major General USA, The Adjutant General of the Army," but for the dead young soldier only the cold, curt, "PFC Scanlon, James C."

That is the tragic story of Jim Scanlon, struck down at 22 in a world he never made in a war that was not of his choosing.

Made Real Gains In San Francisco By Ed Harris

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SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18 -The Socialist Workers Party candidates in the San Francisco city elections received a total of 11,-711 votes, of which Harry Press received 10,404 for Supervisor, and Frank Barbaria, candidate for Mayor received 1307. Press' vote was 3.95% of the total vote cast, and Barbaria's was .5%, out of 250,0000.

Oleta O'Connor Yates, the Stalnist candidate for Supervisor, received 15,932 votes. This was a 0% drop from two years ago.

Behind the scenes the Stalinists gave support to a capitalist candidate for Mayor, George Christopher. In the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union they passed out Christopher's campaign literature along with their own. In the International Longshoremen's Union, Local 10, Harry Bridges attempted to get the union to endorse Christopher. He failed when the union decided to endorse no

Among the Negro voters the Stalinists played a despicable cole in giving undercover support to Christopher's claim to be a "friend of the Negro people." Christopher supported FEPC last year in the Board of Supervisors. Upon this alone rested his claim. although this year he did not advocate FEPC in his election program, and, as his opponents pointed out, does not employ Negroes in his big dairy firm. He ran on the program, "a business man for a busy job."

Altogether during the campaign, Barbaria and Press spoke to 39 union meetings, 17 candidates' meetings, and numerous street meetings, reaching thousands of people for the first time.

Your Dollar's Buying Power Labor, Liberal consumers' RETAIL FOOD PRICES PRICES PRICES PRICES PRICES 1935 - 39 AVERAGE

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IT LOOKS LIKE OUR DOLLAR 15 GOING TO BE WORTH EVEN LESS NEXT JUNE.

SOURCE: DEPT: OF COMMERCE

Chart from officers' report to CIO convention shows how buying power of dollar has dropped to 54c at consumers' prices and to 44c at retail food prices.

Big Steal May Net Billion

By George Lavan

The sensational Kefauver disclosures of widespread graft and corruption in city and state politics was small-time stuff; a sideshow compared with what's going on under the Big Tent in Washington. And we're not referring to the crooked tax collectors, five-percenters, or even the Reconstruction Finance Corporation chiselers. These are only little stinkers. The really big stench arises from the boodlers whom Truman has given a license to bury both hands up to the armpits in the people's pockets. We have in mind, as one example, the natural gas swindle.

The little-known natural gas steal can no more be compared with the RFC scandals than the Brinks robbery in Boston can be compared with a filling station stick-up. While the public was being diverted with exposes of cheap chiselers with White House connections getting deep freezers, mink coats, sums of money in five or six figures, the big boys were quietly pulling a

No one can call the latter cheap crooks. They do things on a handsome scale. The swag so far appears to run around several hundred million dollars a year and will, if extended to the field of electricity, hit the billion dollar mark. The oil and natural gas corporations engineered this vast robbery. Their principal accomplices were the President and a Senator. The Senator has already received his pay-off (whether full or partial, not yet known) of between \$1,297,000 and \$2,000,000 plus.

Here is the story. Most of the facts were first revealed by Joseph Alsop, Washington columnist. The huge monopolies that control the public utilities of this country are supposed to be regulated by the Federal Power Commission. Pro corporation as this body is, it couldn't satisf; the pirates who own the oil and natural gas wealth of the nation. Oil is not a public utility but its by-product natural gas is. Pipe lines deliver it to the midwest and the eastern seaboard.

The principal hatchetman in the political field for the natural gas interests is Senator Kerr of Oklahoma. By getting laws passed and influencing the right politicians Kerr rose to wealth

Reese H. Taylor, President of the Union Oil

Company of California, made a speech last month

before the Stockholder Relations Institute spon-

sored by the Los Angeles Stock Exchange and

the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The of-

ficial title of his speech was "The Stockholder -

Key to the Arch of Free Enterprise." However,

the "real title," Mr. Taylor made clear, was

At the conclusion of this speech Mr. Taylor

made a ringing appeal to his audience: "Let's

arm ourselves with facts and figures and go out

and do a little battle with these hot-eyed disci-

ples" of Marx. He scolded his profit-loving audi-

ence: "We've been very poor debaters in the ideo-

logical arguments that have raged throughout

the world. We've been weak in our arguments

at home and we've been worse than weak abroad."

Mr. Taylor then concluded: "It's a crying shame

As reported in The Militant several weeks ago,

we thought Mr. Taylor should be given the op-

portunity to "do battle" in his war against the

ideas of Marx. I wrote him a letter immediately

proposing a debate. As a disciple of Marx I am

willing and anxious to defend Marx's theories.

Such a debate against a real Marxist would give

Mr. Taylor a chance to prove his contention that

However, I received a polite but definitive re-

fusal: "Dear Mrs. Weiss: I want to thank you

"Marx Was Mistaken."

to let them go unanswered."

"Marx was mistaken."

On Tour for

By Myra Tanner Weiss

and position in his own state. The oil interests made him successively governor and then senator. He and his own oil and gas company are closely tied up with the giant Phillips Petroleum Company. This oil-man lubricated the Congressional machinery and secured passage of the Kerr bill that freed natural gas corporations from price regulation by the Federal Power Commission. The bill was so raw that President Truman vetoed it in a message containing virtuous words about protecting the consumers. All the liberals and labor leaders applauded Truman for his "de fense" of the people against Big Business.

Then Truman made Mon Wallgren, a political hack enthusiastically endorsed by the oil and gas interests, Chairman of the Federal Power Commission. Prior to this Truman had been packing the Commission with men designated by

The hired hands of the oil and natural gas in terests now comprised a majority on the Federal Power Commission, and in a case brought before it by the Phillips Petroleum Co. promptly passed by administrative ruling the very enactment that Truman had vetoed with such fanfare. Not a word of disapproval was uttered by the

Under the new gas rates the people of Detroit alone will pay an extra \$1,770,000 yearly. Customers supplied by just one of the five pipe lines the Michigan-Wisconsin - will pay a yearly increase of \$5,000,000 to cook their meals as a result of the Kerr-to-Truman-to-Wallgren trick play. The FPC's ruling raised the value of Phillips Petroleum's natural gas properties by no less than \$700,000,000.

company. All the others are now lining up before the Trumanized Federal Power Commission's door for their million dollar handouts. And even more sinister is the fact that the electric power corporations are having their lawyers prepare briefs to have the Commission issue them similar licenses for highway robbery. If they succeed the consumers will be robbed of at least an additional billion dollars a year.

Socialism

is the Halley Victory Gain for Labor Politics?

By Michael Bartell

Various fake "socialists" who the campaign had ended. supported Halley are saying that, since Halley was elected on the Liberal Party ticket, and since the Liberal Party is supposed to Halley's victory is a step in the direction of independent labor

These flimsy rationalizations are being used to conceal the true nature of the Liberal Party candidate, program, and backing. | HALLEY DOUBLE-TALK

WHO IS HALLEY

an avowed capitalist politician. He never claimed to be anything different. He is, always has been, and promises to continue to be a loyal member of the Democratic Party. He is a prosperous attorney who has held numerous well-paying government posts. the labor movement, and no ties

or obligations to it. matic relations with the Pope, and "reform" candidate. candidate, Joseph Sharkey against Halley in the recent election.

The talk in Liberal circles infirst chance he gets.

WHAT ABOUT PROGRAM?

How about the program of the iberal Party? It was not one whit superior to the candidate; it oo was a transparent fraud. ALSO WARMONGER Halley limited his campaign to the single issue: "Reform." Not mind you, social reform, but merely "crimebusting" and "clean government." Halley repeated time and again that his program could be boiled down to a single word: "decency."

"reformers" he did not challenge Puerto Rican minorities, Halley the rule of the capitalist class, refused to say a single word, in but merely promised to furnish more efficient.

HALLEY PINNED DOWN

ley show his true colors before Halley's true colors were very

the Liberal Party is supposed to be controlled by a section of the be controlled by a section of the be controlled by a section of the beat the controlled by a section of the beat the controlled by a "neonles' front" so walks of life either to silence or ing part in his play. It was later be controlled by a section of the to the capitalist class that he did to the capitalist class that he did broad as to make the Stalinists with the folds of the orthodox. "pro-labor" demagogy. His recandidate, or the Tammany man.

The "slowdown" of the sanita-

tion workers in their long battle during the election campaign. So did the strike of the longshoremen on the N. Y. docks. In both cases, Halley said he sympathized with the workers, but he supported the strikebreakers. He supported the New York City administration which went all out garbage workers, firing, suspending and scabbing. And Halley mind another recent Liberal corrupt Ryan waterfront rack-Liberals succeeded in electing government agencies in their Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. to Con- campaign to get the dockworkers | Party included. gress. Within a short time, Junior back to work. He condemned the made peace with the Democratic strike on grounds of patriotism, Party and listed himself with the as did the Anastasia gang, the clerk of the House as a Demo- Murder Inc. gangsters that are crat, became a strong booster of trying to run the waterfront. aid to Franco and formal diplo- That was Halley, the "decent"

> To round out his anti-labor wage freeze. Halley also gave his blessing to the reactionary Feinberg Law, which brought the witchhunt into the publis schools.

of the Nation from school libraries by the Board of Educa- date was not theirs. They have tion acting under orders from the not gained in education, because Catholic hierarchy, Halley refused the program of this candidate and-one-half for Saturday work to commit himself. On the issue secution, on the terror and police Like many previous crusading brutality against Negro and along as a tail to their class the industry operates. spite of repeated challenges.

Finally, on the Korean war, he a promising personal career, and government; that is, to make its declared his unreserved support his surrounding coterie of jobrule over the working people to the U.S. imperialist invasion of seekers, and renegades from the Korea saying "We have a stake working class movement. The militants are already beginning in the Pacific," and he refused to back a proposal for a national they will not gain until they enter spections have been started in However, try as he might, referendum to decide whether to politics on their own, with candi-

hammering of the Socialist Work- | Finally, we come to the ques- by labor.

ers Party during the forums in tion: who backed Halley? Was Rudolph Halley's victory in the which all candidates participated, this an election battle that Rudolph Halley's victory in the recent N. Y. Council President battles like the longshoremens' developed along class lines, with battles like the longshoremens' the capitalist parties on one side, race is being hailed in some quar-and sanitation strikes, made Hal-and the labor organizations on ters as a "victory for labor." the other? If this were really a class battle, perhaps Halley would have deserved our support orthodox point of view on world the redbaiters who publish Red embarrassing to his "labor" and in spite of all shortcomings. How-"socialist" supporters. So anxious ever, this was anything but a not even permit himself a little broad as to make the Stalinists "Fear has mounted — fear of was John Garfield, who had turn green with marks on matters that affect ranged from Shachtman's Labor labor were hard to distinguish Action through Norman Thomas' from those of the Republican Socialist Call, the Social-Demo- our thinking, narrowed the range not, never had been and never cratic New Leader and Daily Forward, the Liberal-Democratic driven many thoughtful people to munist Party. New York Post, the Wall Street conservative New York Times. and the rabidly reactionary, pro-

York Daily News. It is undeniable that the Halley victory shows that the two old capitalist electoral machines have become discredited, and that their hold on the voters is slipping fast. The possibility of building cases, are strictly department- element in the thinking of the an independent labor party gains wide. in a reign of terror against the from this weakening of the political machines. But all of this was demonstrated just as clearly The Halley candidacy brings to supported the incredibly vile and by the victory of Impellitteri in the mayoralty election a year Party "victory." One year ago, the eteers and the strikebreaking ago, against the opposition of all existing parties, the Liberal

POLITICAL VACUUM

However, all this proves is that not prove that the Liberal Party platform, Halley declared in favor filled that vacuum with a labor of freezing wages, although the party movement. On the conentire labor movement, including trary, this Liberal Party impedes Dubinsky's International Ladies the progress towards a genuine Garment Workers Union which independent labor party by sellbacked Halley, is opposed to the ing out to a cheap, self-seeking hypocritical capitalist politician and to his real backers: Wall Street and the capitalist "reform" fakers.

There has been a victory, but not for the workers. They have When asked about the banning not won representation in government, because the winning candiwas reactionary. They have not and double-time for Sunday work. of racial segregation and per- gained in experience or organiza- This is a big issue because of the tion, because they were dragged 24 hour 7 day schedule on which enemies.

> The principle victors were Halley, who has been launched upon

The national CIO convention's strong denunciation of the "retreats" on the civil liberties front in the United States was an important development in the mobilization of resistance to the witch-hunt. The CIO resolution singled out | despair. This fear has even for its protests these actions of entered our universities, great the last year: The Supreme Court | citadels of our spiritual strength, approval of the conviction of the and corrupted them. We have the Communist Party leaders under spectacle of university officials the Smith Act; the smears of lending themselves to one of the McCarran's Senate Internal Secu- worst kinds of witch hunts we

cowardly behavior in the face of GAG RULE CONDEMNED

rity Subcommittee; McCarthy's have seen since our early days."

The witch hunt in the schools charges from McCarran's committee; the order amending the got a setback on Nov. 10 when "loyalty" purge program so that the council of the American Assoany employee can be discharged ciation of University Professors, on grounds of "reasonable doubt" representing 42,000 teachers in regarding his loyalty; dismissal almost 900 colleges, charged that of government employees on the the trustees of Ohio State Univercharge of "poor security"; at- sity, by issuing an order requirtempts by the Industrial Employ- ing the screening of campus ment Review Board of the De- speakers, had encroached "upon partment of Defense to fire the effectiveness of free speech workers from arms industries be- and inquiry for students and cause of union or strike activities; faculty" and were "subversive of the Subversive Activities Control | the functions of a free university in a free society."

The CIO asked "all men of And at the University of good will" to join with it in California the Board of Regents irging Congress to revise exist- on Nov. 16 put an apparent end ing legislation, especially the to the "loyalty" oath fight when Smith Act and the Subversive it defeated a motion to reconsider Activities Control Act, by strik- its decision last month to rescind ing out provisions "which permit the repugnant anti-communist prosecution on the basis of speech cath which the Regents had demanded of all university employees.

The oath was fought for two At the same time, President years by UC faculty members Earl Jimerson and Secretary- with the support of educators all Freasurer Patrick Gorman of the over the country. Judgment on AFL Butcher Workmen pub- the legality of the oath was ished an editorial in the Novem- pending in the state supreme ber issue of their union's paper, court. The state appellate court arging the American people not had upheld the faculty members to be intimidated by those who who challenged the oath. The sought to frighten them into Regents still face court action keeping quiet about the need for for the reinstatement of a numpeace. "In a world torn with war, ber of employees fired for refuspeople should think and talk ing to sign it. Last month an additional 48 employees refused

Speaking at Brandeis University on Nov. 8, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas sounded a warning that the U.S. is "drifting dangerously fast" to a condition of "repression."

SPREAD OF FEAR

oldly," they wrote.

or advocacy alone."

WITCH HUNT RESISTANCE

said, is that there is a "developaffairs. Fear has driven more Channels and barred an actor and more men and women in all selected by Rice to fill the lead-

ELMER RICE PROTEST

The witch hunt in another field was protested last week when playwright Elmer Rice broke off all connections with the Celanese Theater, a television drama pro-The "ominous trend" today, he gram. The agency in charge of casting Rice's Attorney - at - Law ing tolerance only for the had submitted to the pressure of envy. This losing one's job, fear of being numiliated himself before the investigated, fear of being pil- House Un-American Committee loried. This fear has stereotyped with protestations that he was of free public discussion, and would be a member of the Com-

Who is Rudolph Halley? He is to gain a 40 hour week came and the rabidly reactionary, proto gain a 40 hour week came MacArthur and McCarthy New Steel Wage-Policy Committee Auring the election campaign. So York Daily News. **Sets New Contract Demand**

(Cont. from page 1)

annual wage is being introduced strikes in 1937 and the victorious into negotiations with the steel Bethlehem recognition strike in companies. The union has not 1941, there were no large-scale specified any figures, but has strikes in the steel industry until simply asked that "Every em- 1946, a period comprising the first ployee shall be guaranteed a decade of the union's history. terrible days of the depression hundreds of department and of the Thirties when the whole plant-wide strikes of the past few a vacuum exists in the world of steel industry shut down, are years, and now the preparations politics; a vacuum due to the serious in their support of this for a possible third industry-wide disgust of the working people clause. However, it remains to be strike have implanted the firm with capitalist politics. It does seen how far the leadership will conviction of the necessity and

OTHER DEMANDS

noon and night shifts, better challenge and break the governsafety and health provisions, severance pay, paid holidays union in the country with the (workers in basic steel at present do not have any paid holidays) and other important changes.

Among the most important o the new clauses being demanded is that which would provide time-

PREPARE FOR STRIKE

Most steelworkers are convinced that this program, or any substantial part of it, will not be won without a strike. The union workers have not gained, and to prepare. Plant gate dues inorder to bring union rolls to full dates, a party, and a program strength. Talk in the plants shows that are for labor and determined the strike consciousness of the

This understanding is a new steelworkers. With the exception A new demand for a guaranteed of the defeated Little Steel minimum annual wage." Steel- However, the industry - wide workers who remember the strikes of 1946 and 1949, the power of industry-wide action in the minds of the steelworkers. The great power of the steel Other demands to be presented union lies in the firmly estabo the companies include the lished policy of industry wide union shop, improved vacation bargaining and industry-wide benefits, improved shift dif- strike-action. That is why this ferential payments for the after- union is in a better position to

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ment wage-freeze than any other

possible exception of the United

Mine Workers Union, which also

acts on an industry-wide basis.

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very much for your invitation to participate in a public debate on Marxism. Much as I am tempted He has absolutely no record with to accept, it has been my experience that this subject is a bit too complicated to cover adequately within both the time limits and the necessarily extemporaneous format of a public debate. . . Mr. Taylor sent along a copy of his speech.

Evidently consistency is not a part of Mr. Taylor's "logic." It is one thing to "refute" Marx in the cozy atmosphere of a banquet at the Riviera Country Club. His arguments can go unanswered there. But how can Mr. Taylor square his complaint that his fellow capitalists have been "poor debaters" with his refusal to demonstrate that he could do better.

Furthermore, the technical objections to the debate form do not outweigh the value of this and supported the Tammany method of handling controversial subjects. A debate presents opposing views for immediate critical examination. It checks misuse of facts and corrects distortions. American history is full of dicates that Rudolph Halley will occasions where vitally important issues have certainly pull an "FDR, Jr." the been debated before the people.

I would be the last to maintain that debate alone could settle our great historic problems. But in the conflict of ideas that always precedes such a settlement, debate has played the role of clarifying issues for the American people. The debate gives an audience a chance to discern the strength or weakness of two opposing arguments in direct conflict. The whole judicial system of America is based on the principle of debate with a jury as an audience.

I intend to press Mr. Taylor for a debate because I am convinced that I can easily prove he is wrong. In addition, I am anxious to meet him. in argument because he is the most informed capitalist opponent of Marxism that I have met in many years of socialist activity. Mr. Taylor is a serious opponent who, unlike the current fashion, does not hope to dispose of Marx with a it with "cheaper" and "cleaner" few epithets. His speech revealed that he is somewhat familiar with Marx's scientific analysis. He expressed agreement with many of Marx's ideas, contending that American economic development is the proved exception. The debate would therefore have to base itself on an analysis of U.S. capitalism. And this is the most important Halley did not succeed in evading continue the slaughter or withquestion that the American people must come to the real issues. The persistent draw the troops.